

**MINUTES**  
**Friends of Agriculture**  
**October 3, 2022**

Quorum – Pam Blakenly, Sue Cuzzort, Jeff Hawkins, Sheila Jennings, Glenn Robinson, Laura Robinson, Janet Tinney

Welcome new advisors: JD Malone, Dusty Cole

Minutes – Laura R presented the minutes from the August 22 meeting. Approved with removal of the name of the foundation prior to posting online to maintain anonymity since we have announced a generous *anonymous* donor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Meeting with the Foundation, September 14.** Glenn R announced that they had agreed to donate a total of \$1 million divided over a two-year period (2023 & 2024) to Friends of Agriculture in an email on September 15. The money can only be used for “brick & mortar” building so it can only be accessed after construction begins. With this, the next step is to work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for detailed drawings and initial ground preparations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Request for Proposal.** Pam B volunteered to work on a draft RFP. So far, several architects have shown an interest in bidding including Mark Freeman, Davy Elkins, Eddie Benefield and ???. Pam will also put together a matrix to use as a decision tool once proposals are ready for review. We discussed the relative importance of things like experience and local to the county.
- **Marketing Push.** Laura R reviewed the details of the “Shovel Ceremony” (aka Family Fun Day) discussed at the last meeting. The date was confirmed as October 22 (rain day October 29). A few questions were raised regarding the need for permits such as from the Department of Public Health or Sherrif. Sheila J agreed to look into it. [**NOTE:** Sheila called after the meeting and was told that, as a non-profit organization, we did not need any permits for the event.]

Laura R asked for help on picking from two different banners she proposed. She asked the board to approve a budget for this event. A maximum of \$500 was approved.

Glenn R asked that all board members participate. Sue C said she had other obligations that day. Janet T said she was having knee surgery and may not be able to participate depending on what her doctor allowed. All others agreed to be there.

Glenn R laid out the timing and said we would need to start the set up no later than Thursday (paint) and Friday (tents, porti-potties, etc.) He would be mowing starting Monday.

**Here is the list of things each of us agreed to bring or do (Emailed to all 10/4):**

- Line painter – Dusty C
- Show Calves (2-3) – Cole Family
- Tents (10) – Sheila J
- Donation Pickle Jar – Sheila J
- Trash Cans (2 each) – Glenn R & Sheila J
- Farm Equipment – Glenn R
- Food or Meat Donation – Glenn R
- Porti-Potties – Pam B
- Horse/Pony – Pam B
- Generator – Pam B
- Farm Bureau Round Signs for Photos – Sue C
- Brick Donation Forms – Doug S (from August Meeting)
- Tables & Chairs – Jeff H
- Livestock Panels & Buckets – Jeff H
- Sound System – Jeff H
- Call Gwen Tant & Michelle Ried for Canning Demo – Jeff H
- Bee Club for Demo – Laura R
- Banner – Laura R
- Photo Op Panels – Laura R
- Donor Thermometer – Laura R
- Plates, Napkins, Cups, etc – Janet T
- **Donations & Give-Aways – EVERYONE**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Treasurers Report** – Janet T stated that the bank balance, as of September 30 was \$2677.50. Laura R reminded all that the market account was volatile. As of September 30: \$2,666.23. Our **total cash on hand is \$5343.73.**

Closing Remarks.

Adjourn